2017 Electronic Funds Transfer Guidelines

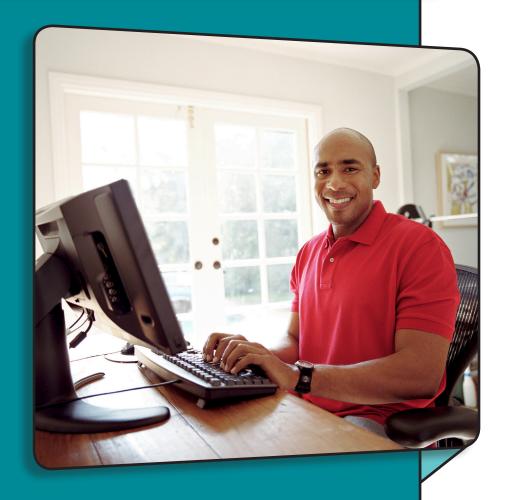




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I. Electronic Funds Transfer Requirements and Payment Options

This guide covers the requirements and payment options for making electronic funds transfer tax payments to the Louisiana Department of Revenue.

Contact Information

Electronic Funds Transfer Assistance can be obtained as follows:

E-mail	 	
To verify receipt of an EFT payment	 2	225-922-3270 or 1-888-829-3071

Electronic Funds Transfer Requirements

Louisiana Revised Statute 47:1519 authorizes the Louisiana Department of Revenue to require electronic payments from taxpayers whose individual payments exceed \$5,000.

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payment is required under all of the following circumstances:

- 1. The tax due in connection with the filing of any return, report or other document exceeds \$5,000.
- 2. A taxpayer files tax returns more frequently than monthly, and during the preceding 12-month period, the average total payment exceeds \$5,000.
- 3. A company files withholding tax returns and payments on behalf of other taxpayers during the preceding 12-month period and the average total payments for all tax returns filed exceed \$5,000.

Electronic Funds Transfer Payment Options

If you are required to make tax payments by electronic funds transfer, you must select one of the following payment methods:

1. Online payments via the department's web site

Louisiana Taxpayer Access Point (LaTAP) System

Taxpayers may make electronic payments via the Department's web site using the Louisiana Taxpayer Access Point (*LaTAP*) system. LaTAP allows taxpayers to view their business tax accounts, file returns, make payments, and update account information using a single logon. To register, go to www.revenue.louisiana.gov/latap and create a login ID and password. Payments made through LaTAP can take up to 3 business days to complete processing but will be given credit for the date the payment was initiated.

· Credit or Debit Card Payments

Tax payments may be made by debit or credit card from the Department's web site, <u>www.revenue.louisiana.gov</u> or directly through the vendor's site at <u>www.officialpayments.com</u>. Payments may also be made by telephone through Official Payments at 1-888-272-9829. A convenience charge will be added to all debit and credit card payments. Payments must be initiated on or before the tax due date. Please allow three business days for processing.

Official Payments Customer Service Number: 877-297-7457

2. ACH credit payments with addenda record

The ACH Credit Payment method allows you to transfer funds by instructing your bank to charge your bank account and deposit the funds to the Department's bank account. Because you initiate the transfer, you are responsible for payment of any bank costs associated with the transfer and your bank must include an addenda record with the funds transfer to identify your tax account, the tax type, and tax period to which the payment applies. Before committing to this payment method, you should verify that your financial institution is able to correctly transmit the addenda record.

More detailed information on the rules and regulations of the National Automated Clearinghouse Association (NACHA), are available from the association at www.nacha.org

3. Payment by other immediately-investible funds

If a taxpayer is required to make electronic payments but is unable to, the taxpayer must make payment by immediately investible funds. Payments by immediately investible funds include cash, cashier's checks, and money orders. Taxpayers choosing to pay by immediately investible funds must deliver their payment and tax return to the Department in person or by courier between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on or before the due date of the return. If the due date falls on a weekend or a State of Louisiana legal holiday, the payment and return must be delivered on the first business day following the holiday. Bank or Federal Reserve holidays do not affect the due date of immediately investible funds.

Note: FedWire transfers are not allowed.

II. Electronic Funds Transfer Payment and Filing Responsibilities

Payment Due Dates

An electronic funds transfer payment must be initiated and posted to the state's bank account as immediately available funds on or before the due date of the payment. When initiating electronic payments, please consider bank processing cycles and the impact of weekends and holidays. Taxpayers are responsible for ensuring that their bank has the information necessary, including the addenda record for ACH credits, to timely complete the transaction.

Louisiana Administrative Code 61:I.4910.E.1 provides that payments transmitted electronically will be considered timely paid if the payment transaction's confirmation time and date stamp is on or before the due date. However, if the payment is not timely paid, the date of receipt by the Secretary will govern for purposes of determining the amount of any late payment penalties.

Holidays and Weekends

Federal Reserve Holidays—Louisiana Banks

Louisiana Administrative Code 61:I.4910.E.3 provides that when the statutory filing due date, without regard to extensions, falls on a Saturday, Sunday, Federal Reserve holiday, or legal State of Louisiana holiday, the payment is due on or before the next business day.

Please use the following holiday schedules to determine when you must initiate an ACH transaction for timely payment of a tax due date. Financial institution holidays in your area may vary.

Legal Holidays—Louisiana State Offices The Louisiana Department of Revenue is closed for the following holidays and EFT assistance will not be available:

When holidays fall on a Saturday, the previous Friday may be observed. When holidays fall on a Sunday, the following Monday may be observed. The day after Thanksgiving is usually declared a holiday.

Tax Return Filing Requirements

Taxpayers that make payments by electronic funds transfer are still required to timely file the tax return. If a paper tax return is filed, the fact that payment was made by electronic funds transfer (*EFT*) must be boldly indicated on the tax return.

Penalties

If the EFT payment is not timely made or if the required tax return is not filed by the due date, the provisions for late payment penalties, late filing penalties, interest, and loss of applicable discount shall apply in accordance with R.S. 47:1601-1602.

Waiver Of The Electronic Funds Transfer Tax Payment Requirement

Any taxpayer required to make payments by electronic funds transfer may request a waiver of the requirement for one calendar year only. Please submit the request, which includes the reasons why waiver of the EFT requirement is being requested, to the following address:

Louisiana Department of Revenue
Tax Administration
Post Office Box 201
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-0201

Verification of Receipt of Funds Transfer

To verify that your payment has been received by the Louisiana Department of Revenue, call (225) 922-3270 from the Baton Rouge calling area or toll-free 1-888-829-3071 on a touchtone telephone. You will need to know your Louisiana Department of Revenue account number, the tax period end date, and the amount transferred.

III. Louisiana Taxpayer Access Point (LaTAP)

The Louisiana Taxpayer Access Point (LaTAP) system allows taxpayers to file and pay taxes electronically, view the status of their accounts, and update address information via the Department's web site at www.revenue.louisiana.gov/latap. To use LaTAP, you must register your account with the following information:

- · Account Number
- Tax Type
- · ZIP Code of Location Address
- Last Payment Amount
- Email Address

Once registration is completed, you will receive an authorization code that will be required to access LaTAP the first time. The authorization code will be sent by email.

Making Payments Using LaTAP

- 1. Payments for a specific filing period
 - Select the filing period from the filing period list, click on the "Pay" link and choose the "Return payment" option.
 - · Enter the payment effective date, which is the date that the funds will be withdrawn from your bank account.
 - Enter the payment amount.
 - Select the bank source or enter a new bank source for the payment.
 - · Press submit button and verify your payment by entering your password.
- 2. Payments toward an account balance
 - Click on the "Pay" link and choose the "Bill Payment" option.
 - Enter the payment effective date, which is the date that the funds will be withdrawn from your bank account.
 - Enter the payment amount.
 - Select the bank source or enter a new bank source for the payment.
 - Press submit button and verify your payment by entering your password.
 - Your payment will be applied to the oldest periods with a balance due first.

Bank Information in LaTAP

When making a payment you can choose to save a payment source for future use. After entering the bank routing number and account number, check the box next to "save payment source for future use". You may add new payment sources or change a source at any time in your LaTAP profile.

Proof of Payment

Payments made through the LaTap System, will be acknowledged with a confirmation number. The payment effective date must be on or before the tax due date to avoid penalties and interest. Payments are verified by the bank before they are posted to your account. If a payment requires manual review after it is verified by the bank, posting may take several days. Payments will be considered timely paid if the payment was initiated on or before the tax due date even if there are delays posting the payment to the taxpayer's account.

Payments Made Under Protest

To make a payment under protest, you must submit a letter notifying the Department of your intention to either file suit or file a petition with the Board of Tax Appeals for purposes of recovery of such tax. The letter must also indicate the tax type, Revenue account number, tax period and payment amount. Mail the letter to:

Louisiana Department of Revenue
Tax Administration Division
Post Office Box 3193
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-3193

A letter must be submitted for each period that is being protested and can be uploaded when designating a payment under protest in LaTAP.

The amount remitted under protest will be held in an escrow account for 30 days from the date of the payment. If the taxpayer files suit for recovery of the tax within 30 days, the funds will continue to be held in escrow. If the taxpayer fails to file suit for recovery within 30 days, the funds will be deposited in general funds at the end of the 30-day period.

Correcting Electronic Funds Transfer Payment Errors in LaTAP

LaTAP errors may only be corrected if the payment is still pending.

As soon as the error is discovered, Login to LaTAP and click on the "Requests" link to see a list of payments with the processing status indicated. If the erroneous payment has not been processed and is still pending, click on the confirmation number and that will allow you to cancel the request by clicking on the "Withdraw" button. If the payment amount is incorrect, withdraw the payment request and create a new payment request for the correct amount.

If the payment is processing and cannot be withdrawn, the taxpayer should contact the Electronic Customer Service at (855) 307-3893.

IV. ACH Credit Procedures

1. If you complete the Electronic Funds Transfer Authorization Agreement, Form R-20193, indicating that you will make electronic payments by ACH Credit, you must use the State of Louisiana, Department of Revenue's bank transit/routing and bank account numbers as follows:

Bank Transit/Routing Number:	. 065400137
Bank Name:	. Chase JP Morgan, Louisiana, N.A.
Bank Account Number:	. 7900406139
Bank Account Title:	Louisiana Department of Revenue Electronic Funds Account
LDR's Originator Number:	. 1726000805

ACH credits must be accompanied by the TXP Banking Convention Addenda Record to ensure that the tax payment is properly identified.

The TXP Banking Convention Addenda Record must contain the following tax account information:

- Louisiana Revenue Account Number
- Tax Type Code
- · Tax Period End Date
- Payment Amount Type
- · Payment Amount

ACH Credit Procedures

After registering to make tax payments using the ACH Credit Payment Method, procedures are as follows:

- 1. Determine the total amount of tax due.
- 2. Initiate the ACH Credit transaction using the National Automated Clearinghouse Association (NACHA) CCD+ entry and the TXP Banking Convention Addenda Record.
- 3. File the tax return on or before the filing due date.
- 4. The payment will be transferred from the taxpayer's bank account to the State of Louisiana's bank account as scheduled.
- 5. The State of Louisiana's bank will provide the ACH file and TXP Addenda Record to the Department of Revenue so that the payments is credited to the proper tax account and period.

ACH Credit Testing

- To ensure that ACH data can be processed, a test transmission with an addenda record should be submitted before real data is transmitted. The test transmission should have a payment amount of at least a penny.
- After completion of the test, contact the Electronic Customer Service at (855) 307-3893 to verify that the correct data was received.

Note: Allow a few days for processing.

Summary of ACH File Requirements

- 1. Each ACH file begins with a File Header Record.
- 2. After the File Header, there may be several separate batches.
- 3. Each batch begins with a Batch Header Record followed by one or more Entry Detail Records. A TXP Addenda Record is required for each Entry Detail Record.

- 4. At the end of each batch there is a Batch Control Record.
- 5. At the end of each file there is a File Control Record.

The records in ACH Credit file must be in the following sequence:

- 1. ACH Header Label Record
- 2. File Header Record
- 3. Batch #1
 - Company/Batch Header Record
 - · Entry Detail Records with TXP Addenda Records
 - · Company/Batch Control Record
- 4. Batch #2
 - Company/Batch Header Record
 - Entry Detail Records with TXP Addenda Records
 - · Company/Batch Control Record
- 5. Batch #n
 - · Company/Batch Header Record
 - · Entry Detail Records with TXP Addenda Records
 - · Company/Batch Control Record
- 6. File Control Record
- 7. ACH Trailer Label Record

Any other sequence will cause the file to be rejected.

ACH File Structure

The following is a brief description of the ACH file structure. Refer to NACHA's ACH Rules: A Complete Guide to Rules & Regulations Governing the ACH Network for more detailed information.

1. File Header Record

The File Header Record contains information about the file originator, when the file was prepared, and the processing bank.

2. Company Batch Header Record

The Company Batch Header Record contains the detail records including the standard entry class, the effective date, and the description that indicates that it is a tax payment. The Company Batch Header Record may also indicate the effective date of all transactions within the batch.

3. Entry Detail Records

Entry Detail Records contain information sufficient to relate the entry to the Depositing Financial Institution account number, identification number, name, and the credit amount. The information in the Company Batch Header Record must be incorporated with the Entry Detail Records to fully describe the entry and all participants in the transaction.

4. Company Batch Control Record

The Company Batch Control Record contains the counts, the hash, and total dollar controls for the preceding detail entries within the indicated batch.

5. File Control Record

The File Control Record contains dollar, entry, and hash total accumulations from the company batch control records in the file. This record also contains counts for the number of blocks and the number of batches within the file.

ACH Credit TXP Addenda Record Requirements

The TXP Addenda Record is used by financial institutions to report tax payments. The information is included in the free form portion of the Addenda Record (positions 4-83) and must include the following information:

1. Louisiana Revenue Account Number

The Louisiana Revenue Account Number field is a **10-character** numeric field assigned by the Louisiana Department of Revenue.

Example: Louisiana Revenue Account Number - 1234567890

Caution: Do not include any dashes.

2. Tax Type Code

Valid Tax Type Codes are listed in Section VIII. If you have questions about Tax Type Codes, please call (855) 307-3893

3. Tax Period End Date

The Tax Period End Date field is a 6-digit numeric field in the order of YYMMDD. This field must indicate the last day of the period covered by the related tax return.

Example: December 2009 Tax Period End Date would be 091231.

Caution: When paying estimated income tax, the taxable period is the tax return end date. Do not use the due date of the estimated payment.

4. Payment Amount Type

The Amount Type field is a 1-character alphanumeric field. "T" indicates a regular tax payment. "U" indicates a payment under protest.

5. Payment Amount

The Amount field is a 10-digit numeric field including the cents. For example, the amount \$1,234,567.89 would be populated in the field as 123456789.

If the amount of tax that you are paying exceeds \$99,999,999.99, transmit multiple transactions to pay the total amount due.

To ensure proper credit for the EFT payment, extreme care must be exercised in providing the correct information in the TXP Addenda Record.

Requirements for the TXP Addenda Record

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Field Name Data Elements and Separators		Start	End	Contents	
Segment Identifier	3	01	03	TXP	
Separator	1	04	04	*	
Louisiana Revenue Account Number	10	05	14	Numeric	
Separator	1	15	15	*	
Tax Type Code	5	16	20	See Section VIII	
Separator	1	21	21	*	
Tax Period End Date	6	22	27	YYMMDD (numeric)	
Separator	1	28	28	*	
Payment Amount Type ¹	1	29	29	T=Tax, U=Under Protest	
Separator	1	30	30	*	
Payment Amount	10	31	40	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$¢¢	
Terminator	1	41	41	\	
Filler	39	42	80	Spaces	

¹ A separate transmission must be made for payments under protest.

Company Batch Header Record

The TXP Addenda Record can be damaged or fragmented in transmission because of error or software problems. Since the addenda record identifies the tax payment, it is critical that the Company Batch Header Record include information needed to classify the payment.

It is recommended that the Company Batch Header Record contain the following information

Field Name	Recommended Contents
Company Name	The first 16 characters of the company name.
Company Identification	The number "1" plus the Federal Employer Identification Number
Company Entry Description	"TaxPayment"

Entry Detail Records

It is recommended that the Entry Detail Records contain the following information

Field Name	Recommended Contents
Individual Identification Number	The same Taxpayer Identification Number submitted in the TXP Addenda Record. The data should be left justified and zero filled.
Individual Name	The first 22 characters of the taxpayer name.

See NACHA's annual ACH Rules: "A Complete Guide to Rules and Regulations Governing the ACH Network" for a more complete description of the Entry Detail Records.

Proof of Payment

ACH Credit payments are initiated by the taxpayer's bank and the taxpayer is responsible for the accuracy and proper completion of the process. To prove timely compliance, the taxpayer must provide the following:

- Proof that the transaction was timely initiated.
- Proof that the transmission contained the correct information for the NACHA CCD+ entry and the required TXP Banking Convention Addenda Record.
- · Proof that there were sufficient funds in the account at the time of payment.

• Proof that the financial institution properly completed the transaction in a timely manner.

Payments Made Under Protest

ACH Credit payments made under protest must contain a "U" in the amount type field of the free form addenda record.

The amount remitted under protest will be held in an escrow account for 30 days from the date of the payment. If the taxpayer files suit for recovery of the tax within 30 days, the funds will continue to be held in escrow. If the taxpayer fails to timely file suit for recovery, the funds will be deposited in general funds at the end of the 30-day period. Mail payments made under protest to:

Louisiana Department of Revenue
Tax Administration Division
Post Office Box 3193
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-3193

V. Immediately Investible Funds

Payments required to be made by electronic funds transfer must be paid electronically or by delivery of immediately investible funds, which include cash, cashier's checks, and money orders. Immediately investible funds do not include FedWire transfers.

Taxpayers choosing to pay by immediately investible funds must deliver their payment and tax return to the Department in person or by courier between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on or before the due date of the return. If the due date falls on a weekend or a Louisiana legal holiday, the payment and return must be delivered on the first business day thereafter. Bank or Federal Reserve holidays do not affect the due date of immediately investable funds.

Proof of Payment

When delivering immediately investible funds to the Department, the person making the delivery should obtain a payment receipt to be kept as proof that the funds were received. If it is later determined that the remittance was not in the form of immediately investible funds, the payment will be considered late and the penalties will apply.

VI. Tax Type Codes

Tax Description	Tax Code
CORPORATION INCOME/FRANCHISE Accounts receivable	02002 02100 02200 02400 02500
COMPOSITE PARTNERSHIP Registration or payment with original or amended return	03602
EXCISE	
Alcohol Registration or payment with original or amended return	06402
Beer Registration or payment with original or amended return	06302
Hazardous Waste Registration or payment with original or amended return	09002
IFTA Licensees [companies] Registration or payment with original or amended return Accounts receivable or audit payment Escrow payment Audit escrow payment	06102
IFTA Jurisdictions [other states] Registration or payment with original or amended return	
Inspection and Supervision Registration or payment with original or amended return	15002
Tobacco Permits Registration or payment with original or amended return	07321

Tax Description Tax 0	Code
Accounts receivable or audit payment	07343
Tobacco Registration or payment with original or amended return 0 Accounts receivable or audit payment 0 Escrow payment 0 Audit escrow payment 0)7302)7333
Transportation and Communication Registration or payment with original or amended return	15012 15014
Wines Direct Shipper Registration or payment with original or amended return)6602)6604
INDIVIDUAL INCOME	
Individual Income Period payment	
Lien Payment Lien payment 0 Escrow payment 0	
Declaration Payment	01200
Return Payment	01300
Extension Payment	01400
Audit Payment Audit payment	
MOTOR FUELS	
Fuel Floor Stock Registration or payment with original or amended return	
Fuel Backup Registration or payment with original or amended return	
Terminal Operator (Monthly or Annual) Registration or payment with original or amended return)5501

Tax Description Tax	Code
Accounts receivable or audit payment	05504
Transporter Registration or payment with original or amended return	05602 05604
Importer Registration or payment with original or amended return	05702 05704
Distributor/Exporter/Blender Registration or payment with original or amended return Accounts receivable or audit payment Escrow payment Audit escrow payment	05802 05804
Supplier/Permissive Supplier Registration or payment with original or amended return	05902 05904
Aviation Fuel Registration or payment with original or amended return	06002 06004
SALES	
General Sales (R-1029) Registration or payment with original or amended return Accounts receivable or audit payment Escrow payment Audit escrow payment	04102 04104
Automobile Rental Excise Tax (R-1329) Registration or payment with original or amended return	.04112 .04114
Hotel/Motel Jefferson/Orleans (R-1029 DS) Registration or payment with original or amended return	04122 04124

Tax Description	Tax	Code
NOEHA Hotel Room Occupancy Tax (R-1325) Registration or payment with original or amended return		
Accounts receivable or audit payment		04134
Pre Paid Phone Fee (R-1140) Registration or payment with original or amended return		04152 01454
Statewide Hotel/Motel (R-1029 H/M) Registration or payment with original or amended return		04142 04144
SEVERANCE		
Oil Registration or payment with original or amended return		08101 08103
Gas Registration or payment with original or amended return		08201 08203
Minerals Registration or payment with original or amended return		08601 08603
Timber Registration or payment with original or amended return		08701
Oilfield Site Restoration (Gas) Registration or payment with original or amended return		
Oilfield Site Restoration (Oil) Registration or payment with original or amended return		08111

Tax Description	Tax Code
Escrow payment	
Natural Gas Franchise Tax	08220
WITHHOLDING	
Registration or payment with or without original or amended return	01100
Accounts receivable or audit payment	01101
Audit payment	
Escrow payment	
Audit escrow payment	01106